

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 18 and ending at page 3, line 22 to read, as follows.

--second developing means, including ~~having~~ a second developer carrying member, for developing a second latent image formed on the image bearing member after the first developing means has developed the first latent image;--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 5, line 23 and ending at page 6, line 11 to read, as follows.

--An image forming apparatus according to one embodiment of the present invention will now be described while referring to the accompanying drawings. In the following explanation, the front face of the apparatus is the face that is upstream in the direction in which a recording material is conveyed from a transferring process section to a fixing process section (right side in Fig. 2), and the left or the right of the main body of the image forming apparatus or a processing cartridge is the left or the right of the front face of the image forming apparatus. The longitudinal direction is the direction in parallel with ~~[[to]]~~ the surface of the recording medium, and the direction that intersects (is almost orthogonal to) the direction in which the recording medium is conveyed.--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 19, line 27 and ending at page 20, line 20 to read, as follows.

--In this embodiment, developing cartridges 40 for four colors are loaded into the rotary unit. The pressing of the developing cartridges 40 against the photosensitive drum 1 is performed as follows. While, as is described above, the rotary flanges 50 are supported so they are rotatable by the rotary side plates 54, the rotary side plates 54 on

both sides of the rotary unit are positioned and fixed to the side plates of the main body of the image forming apparatus by a pivot shaft 60, which is rotatably arranged above the rotary side plates 54 and in parallel with ~~[[to]]~~ the center shaft 51. In other words, the developing cartridge 40, the rotary flanges 50 and the rotary side plates 54 are pivoted as one. That is, as the developing cartridge 40 and the rotary unit are rotated, the developing cartridge 40, or more accurately, the developing roller 305, is pushed against or separated from the photosensitive drum 1. This process is performed when a rotary stay fixed to the rotary side plate 54 is pushed up by the rotation of a cam (not shown).--

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 34, line 2 and ending at page 34, line 15 to read, as follows.

--Since a series of the above-described ~~above-described~~ preparative rotations is performed for the developing roller 305 only upon the reception of a print signal, for continuous printing, for example, the preparative rotation is performed only once, immediately before the image forming performed for the first sheet. Therefore, compared with when the preparative rotation of the developing roller is performed each time before image development, image forming speed is not sacrificed. Further, since the preparative rotation is performed within the period during which the home position of the intermediate transferring belt 5a is detected, no time is sacrificed before the first sheet is printed out.--